

It is natural that we focus on the problems of the moment. But we do not overlook all that is good about your land—the ability of the people, their remarkable work ethic, their culture, and the vast potential of both communities that will be unleashed by a peaceful future.

We know the achievements of your leadership, which have brought you to this threshold of that future. President Kennedy would call you profiles in courage twice over—for your political courage in facing this extraordinary challenge, and for your very real personal courage in facing physical danger every day.

You've been asked to do a great deal already, and you've done it well. Now, you're asked to do even more, because we know you will not fail. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Thank you very much.●

ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to voice my condemnation of anti-Semitic statements given by Communist Party members of the Russian Duma. I believe that this is an important issue that must be addressed.

The Russian Federation vowed to fight against such discrimination when joining the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). In order to maintain this commitment, the Russian Duma must censure those in its ranks failing to comply with the recognized OSCE resolution.

In the U.S., Congress has joined international organizations and the world community in denouncing the anti-Semitic statements. House Concurrent Resolution 37 asserts that Congress: condemns the statements; commends President Boris Yeltsin and other members of the Russian Duma for rebuking the anti-Semitic statements; and reiterates our firm belief that such discrimination is counterproductive to efforts toward true peace and justice. Furthermore, in dialogue with Russian leaders the U.S. has the opportunity to combat this hate-filled rhetoric. I believe it is of the utmost priority that the anti-Semitic statements be given proper attention in discussions with Russian leaders.

I urge my colleagues to join me in not only supporting House Concurrent Resolution 37, but also in signing onto the letter to Vice-President AL GORE raising the issue of anti-Semitism with Prime Minister Primakove.●

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BARBARA AND HAROLD HARRIS

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Barbara and Harold Harris on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Barbara Harris has dedicated herself to educating young people in America in the principles of representative government, imparting to them the virtues of citizenship and democracy, developing in them the values of leadership and civic responsibility.

She has pursued this dedication throughout her career, first as an educator in public schools where her personal interest and commitment shaped the lives of thousands of students, and subsequently as a co-founder of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council and the National Youth Leadership Forum, bold initiatives to carry her message of achievement and citizenship to tens of thousands of the Nation's best and brightest young adults; This Congress and the Nation are indebted to her for these efforts and for her contribution to enhancing our two centuries old experiment in self-government. Throughout this distinguished career, Barbara has benefited from the dedication, strength, and devotion of her beloved husband Harold.

I ask my fellow colleagues to please join me in congratulating Barbara and Harold on this most auspicious occasion.●

RECOGNITION OF THE OREGON PARTNERSHIP

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of an extraordinary group of people in my state who are working each day to protect our children and teenagers from the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

The Oregon Partnership, led by Executive Director, Judy Cushing, is the only nonprofit statewide network of drug prevention services available to every community—rural and urban—throughout Oregon.

While we may talk about the importance of drug abuse prevention programs on the floor of the Senate, the staff at the Oregon Partnership are turning words into action with very limited federal resources. Their accomplishments and allegiance to the thousands whom they serve, deserves respect and additional federal support.

Formed in 1993, the Partnership is governed by a volunteer, 12-member Board of Directors and has a statewide volunteer base of 500 educators, parents, youth, health professionals, business and faith leaders. Together, they share a common goal—to help the young people of Oregon help themselves and their peers—to lead productive and drug-free lives.

Through these combined efforts, this group of dedicated volunteers is truly a partnership. With 73 coalitions that reach across the state of Oregon, the Partnership empowers communities at a grassroots level through a strong support network of resources including media relations assistance, event planning and training that targets the local needs of each community. In addition, the Partnership's resource center provides communities and families with materials that provide answers to questions about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The Partnership also maintains a website that provides details about

other available resources, materials and programs.

Recognizing that information is only effective when it is available, the Oregon Partnership houses the only statewide 24-hour helpline with person-to-person contact every day. The HelpLine/YouthLine currently responds to 2,000 calls per month from substance abusers, family members and friends who are searching for referral assistance and information about treatment programs and services within their local area.

What is truly exemplary about the Oregon Partnership, is that it provides these services through its network of volunteers. More than fifty professionally trained volunteers provide confidential counseling, information and local treatment referral for chemical dependence and other addictions. Sixty percent of the volunteers are college and graduate students pursuing counseling careers.

Mr. President, I believe that the Oregon Partnership is an example of what Congress intended for the use of federal drug prevention dollars. Unlike any other program in our state, the Oregon Partnership is the resource that serves as the link that keeps the chain from prevention programs to treatment strong. The Oregon Partnership is our first line of defense and the kind voice at the end of the phone that says, "Yes, we can help."

For these reasons and many more, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the directors, members and volunteers of the Oregon Partnership for their dedication and gracious, generous service to the people of Oregon as they work to eliminate drug abuse throughout our state: Judy Cushing, Joyce Adams-Malin, Lloyd Duncan, Jennifer Fogelman, Jill Showalter, Kaleen Deatherage, Penny Labberton, Elizabeth Buskirk, Mary Ellen Apostol, Michelle Kromm, Ericka Zietlow, Jennie Donnelly, Karla Bate-man.●

DEMINEING IN NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, last night, the Senate passed the Supplemental Appropriations bill, which, among other things, contains funding for hurricane relief for Central America. I am very pleased that the Supplemental also specifies that up to \$2,000,000 should be made available for humanitarian demining activities in Nicaragua and Honduras. Hurricane Mitch has greatly exacerbated the problem of anti-personnel landmines in both countries. An estimated 100,000 mines were placed in the Nicaraguan-Honduran border area in the 1980's by Sandanista and Contra soldiers. Demining activities to date have been diligent, but painstakingly slow, as over 70,000 mines continue to threaten the population.